APPENDIX

"From: Piland, Wayne R., Assistant Keeper, Yerba Buena Light Station.

"To: Commander San Francisco District.

"Subject: Collision of ships, report of:

"1. On Sunday morning, 2 November, 1941, at about 5:15 a. m. my wife and I witnessed the collision of two ships just under the Bay Bridge.

"2. My attention was called by an outgoing ship blowing one very loud blast at intervals while passing this station and headed for the Bay Bridge. I noticed that his repeated whistle was not being answered and was watching to see just what the outgoing ship was whistling at. My wife being awakened by these very loud whistles joined me to find out what it was all about. The outgoing ship was slowing as she was approaching the bridge and blowing one blast, and was stopped as she nosed under the bridge, then she blew one blast, followed by four, and then for the first time we heard another ship answer, it blew one blast and hove into view coming under the bridge at a good speed and collided with the outgoing ship. The ships crashed together twice, the incoming ship kept her course and same rate of speed as though nothing at all had happened just like a 'hit run driver.'

"3. I telephoned the Coast Guard (Yukon 0626) and reported a collision giving the facts.

"4. The outgoing ship that had been stopped started slowly backing and turning to the south and appeared to be drifting for a while. The incoming ship that was heading for Hunters Point was out of view before the outgoing ship had turned and headed for Pier 40 or thereabouts.

"5. At 5:40 a. m. I again called the office, reporting where the ships had gone, and described the collision more fully.

"6. Visibility was excellent. No fog or haze was seen for hours before or after the accident.

WAYNE R. PILAND."

[Maui Exhibit 13, Apostles 194-195. Offered in evidence, R. 195.]